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The Honorable Victor Marrero United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Nikhil Gupta, S2 23 Cr. 289 (VM)

Dear Judge Marrero:

The Government respectfully submits the enclosed application for an order, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(e)(1)(A), authorizing the Government to maintain and preserve for forfeiture certain seized funds which are currently in the Government's possession. The referenced funds are the \$15,000 paid to an undercover officer as an advance payment for the murder-for-hire in this case, as described in paragraph 22 of the S2 Superseding Indictment.

Respectfully submitted,

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